

(b) the number of poison cases treated by each in the year 1116;

(c) how many of these cases were of snake-bite and how many proved successful?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

(a), (b) and (c) Lists showing the particulars required are placed on the Council Table. (*Appendix III*)

ADICHILI ROAD IN MELUR PANCHAYAT—COMPLETION OF

113. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they have received repeated representations regarding the necessity of completing the Adichili Road in the Melur Panchayat;

(b) if so what has been done so far and what is the cause of the delay?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

(a) There were requisitions from the local Panchayat.

(b) Acquisition of lands has been completed in 1117. The work proper will be taken up after provision is made in future budgets.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): This work was ordered to be taken up, I think, in the year 1116.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. But the completion of the acquisition was over in 1117. We will see that it will be taken up next year.

**S.S.L.Cs. WITH 20 YEARS' SERVICE IN JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT—
PAY AND PROSPECTS OF**

114. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Will Government be pleased to state how many clerks there are in the Judicial Department who have passed the S.S.L.C. Examination and who have put in 20 years' service, but who do not get Rs. 40—60 grade; how many such clerks are there in Excise, Anchal, Registration, Police, Comptroller's Office, Engineering Office?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*):

Judicial Department (Civil and
Criminal)

.. 24.

Excise

.. Nil.

Registration and Anchal

.. 12.

Police

.. Nil.

Comptroller's Office	..	Nil.
Engineering Office	..	Nil.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know, Sir, whether the Government do feel that after serving for a period of 20 years and more these S. S. L. Cs. do not get a grade of Rs. 40—60?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): It is sometimes due to causes beyond our control. Comparative absence of vacancies is the reason.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know what is the number of clerks in the grade of Rs. 25—40 and 40—60 in the Civil Judicial, Criminal Judicial, Registration and Anchal Departments?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): In the Civil Judicial Department, on Rs. 40—60, 16; Rs. 25—40, 75; In the Criminal Judicial Department, Rs. 40—60, 8; Rs. 25—40, 14; In the Registration Department there are 13 clerks on Rs. 40—60 and 25 on Rs. 25—40. This is consequent on the revision. In the Anchal Department there are 4 posts on Rs. 40—60 and 26 on Rs. 25—40. The two departments have recently been amalgamated.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): With regard to the Excise, Police, Comptroller's Office, Engineer's Office, etc., there is not a single clerk who has not got Rs. 40—60 grade after 20 years' service. Does the Government feel that the number of vacancies on Rs. 40—60 in these two Departments (Anchal and Registration and Judicial Departments) are very few in number?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): The Judicial Department has also got an alternative graduate rule. That is, in the case of promotions to Rs. 60—80, if one vacancy is given to a graduate another vacancy should automatically go to an undergraduate with 20 or more years of approved service, so that there are a lesser number of vacancies there open to undergraduates.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Will the Government be pleased to increase the number of vacancies on Rs. 40—60 in the case of these two Departments so that the S. S. L. C. clerks who have put in more than 20 years' service in these Departments may also get a chance of promotion to Rs. 40—60?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): How can you manipulate vacancies?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): The grade may be changed. In these two departments particularly, we find that persons after 20 years' service do not get even a promotion to Rs. 40—60. So cannot the Government see its way to increase the number of posts in the 40—60 grade?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): Does this arise out of this question, Sir?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): What is the proportion of the clerks on Rs. 40—60 to those on Rs. 25—40 in all the Departments together?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Is it not a fact, Sir, that most of these officers who have put in 20 and more years of service will have to retire in that very grade?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, if they do not get any promotion by that time.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): As matters now stand, may I know whether chances are not likely that these people who have put in more than 20 years' service may have to retire in that very grade?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): When the Special Finance Committee Report first came out about 11 years ago and orders were passed on that, these grades were fixed then not with regard to the number of total appointments, but only with regard to the work that had to be turned out. Suppose there are more important works to be done in certain departments. There the grades of Rs. 40—60, 60—80 and Rs. 80—100 were fixed. Therefore the idea was not to find out how many clerks there are in any Department, and then to fix the grades so that the appointments may be evenly distributed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): At that time was there not also an idea to enable these people to retire on a minimum pension of Rs. 30?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Not that I am aware of.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Anyway will the Government be pleased to consider the question of creating a special grade in such cases of hardship so that they may be allowed to retire on a pension of Rs. 30?

Mr. President: That does not arise out of this question.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Out of the 24 hands coming under this category in the Civil Judicial Department, may I know what do they actually draw after 20 years' service?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): Rs. 40, maximum in the grade of Rs. 25—40.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): They have to die in that grade.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Was there not a committee report stating that after 20 years these servants should be automatically promoted to the grade of Rs. 40—60.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): I am stating that the rule still holds good that after 20 years of approved service they can be promoted to higher grades if proper vacancies occur. But there was no committee report that vacancies shall occur. (*Laughter*).

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): It is only a question of giving a grade. We also understand the trick. Suppose there are 16 posts carrying a salary of Rs. 40—60, you may increase the number now to 20 or 24. That is what we mean.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): The question of increasing the number of posts in the higher grade does not arise out of this.

RED TAPISM—ACTION REGARDING

115. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether they noted an article under the caption “Red Tapism in Excelsis” by one “A. P.” on page 4 of the *Cochin Argus* dated 1st November 1941;
- (b) whether Government have taken any steps to nullify the sort of so-called “Red Tapism” if any in the administration?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes.

(b) No. Government did not think it necessary to take any action in the matter.

POPULATION OF COMMUNITIES—TALUK-WAR STATEMENT

116. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

the taluk-war population of the following communities—

- (i) Nayers;
- (ii) Ezhuvas;
- (iii) Romo-Syrians;